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Claims 2, 17-19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 32, 37-51, 56, 61, 63 and 64 are withdrawn herein and claims 1, 6, 10, 23, 34, 36, 57-60 and 65 were previously canceled. Claims 3-5, 7-9, 11-16, 20, 26, 28-31, 33, 35, 52-55 and 62 will be pending for consideration upon entry of the amendment.

The Office communication dated May 19, 2005, requires election of a single species from among the following species:

Species 1 - Figure 2

Species 2 - Figure 3

Species 3 - Figure 4

Species 4 - Figure 7

Species 5 - Figure 9

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Species 1 - Figure 2, and submit that claims 3-5, 7-9, 11-16, 20, 26, 28-31, 33, 35, 52-55 and 62 read on the elected species. The remaining non-canceled claims have been withdrawn from consideration.

Applicants traverse the election requirement on the grounds that there is no serious burden on the Examiner to examine the claims absent an election. The Examiner has carried out no less than three examinations of the present application, and the subject matter from which the Examiner is now requiring an election has been in front of the Examiner throughout the three examinations. While it is understood that the Examiner may require election at any time during prosecution, it is difficult to see how the Examiner has not already thoroughly searched the subject matter of all of the species from which the election is now required since claims

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directed to each of these species have been present in all three prior examinations. Accordingly, it is submitted that no serious burden to the Examiner results to further prosecute claims directed to the various species since three prior examinations of these species have already been conducted.

For the above reasons, applicants respectfully request that the election requirement be withdrawn.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency in connection with this Amendment E to Deposit Account Number 19-1345 in the name of Senniger Powers.

Respectfully submitted,



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